



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Distillate stocks dropped 6.9 million barrels (MMB) to 99.6 MMB on February 4, 2000. The majority of the decrease occurred in the Central Atlantic region (PADD 1Y) which fell by 2.9 MMB. Although total distillate stock is now 47.7 MMB less than last year and below the average range, it is still 14.6 MMB above the Lower Operational Inventory level. Heating oil stock at 39.1 MMB fell by 2.6 MMB as cold weather continued to affect the East Coast. Low-sulfur stock decreased by 4.2 MMB to 60.6 MMB. Distillate demand at 4.2 million barrels per day (MMBD) registered an increase of 0.3 MMBD over the week.
- This week U.S. crude oil input decreased to 13.7 MMBD with refiners utilizing 85.7 percent of 16.1 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	01/14/00	01/21/00	01/28/00	02/04/00	02/05/99	01/14/00	01/21/00	01/28/00	02/04/00	02/05/99
East Coast (PADD I)	396	351	371	430	443	191	191	142	119	146
Midwest (PADD II)	781	826	834	770	882	565	599	617	559	626
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,394	1,448	1,487	1,550	1,364	967	942	863	938	857
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	147	134	134	123	135	118	109	109	107	116
West Coast (PADD V)	420	439	441	386	440	335	336	330	322	367
U.S. Total	3,138	3,198	3,267	3,259	3,264	2,176	2,177	2,061	2,045	2,112

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	01/14/00	01/21/00	01/28/00	02/04/00	02/04/99	01/14/00	01/21/00	01/28/00	02/04/00	02/04/99
East Coast (PADD I)	44.2	38.3	33.5	27.9	67.3	15.8	14.3	14.1	11.4	20.9
PADD IX	8.0	5.5	4.5	3.6	NA	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.7	NA
PADD IY	25.0	21.9	18.0	15.1	NA	8.0	7.1	6.6	5.6	NA
PADD IZ	11.2	10.8	11.0	9.2	NA	6.3	6.1	6.5	5.1	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	31.4	30.2	29.6	28.5	34.6	22.1	21.0	20.5	19.7	24.5
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	27.8	27.2	27.8	28.2	29.9	17.9	17.9	17.7	17.4	18.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8
West Coast (PADD V)	11.9	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.3	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.1	8.9
U.S. Total	118.8	110.6	106.5	99.6	147.3	68.4	65.4	64.8	60.6	75.1

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Prices in crude oil and gasoline spot markets were relatively unchanged in comparison to distillate spot markets which was jolted by reported stock draws, an accident at dock, spec problems with some Russian imports in addition to already thin supplies at a number of terminals and continued demand from utilities. Warm weather and speculation about the easing of production cut agreements brought distillate spot prices down from nine-year highs. The New York Harbor spot heating oil price was 110.30 cents per gallon on February 7, 2000, up 28.30 cents during the week.
- The average U.S. on-highway diesel fuel price turned in another record-breaking high by closing at 147.0 cents per gallon on February 7, 2000, 3.1 cents above a week ago and 50.8 cents higher than last year. A small decline in the average for California ran counter to price spikes reported in the Northeast. Residential heating oil prices continued their upward surge over the past week on the strength of continued cold weather and supply difficulties in the Northeast. The January 31, 2000 price stood at 166.6 cents per gallon, a 5.1-cent increase from the January 24 mark of 161.5 cents and far above the year-ago level of 86.3 cents per gallon.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	01/18/00	01/24/00	01/31/00	02/07/00	02/08/99	01/18/00	01/24/00	01/31/00	02/07/00	02/08/99
New York	76.04	117.00	83.00	105.70	29.88	81.35	128.80	82.00	110.30	29.38
Chicago	74.93	70.23	75.63	75.14	31.63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	72.36	79.95	75.75	71.89	30.10	75.10	80.25	75.50	76.10	27.18
Los Angeles (CARB)	85.50	91.50	84.50	87.50	39.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	01/17/00	01/24/00	01/31/00	02/07/00	02/08/99	01/03/00	01/17/00	01/24/00	01/31/00	02/01/99
East Coast (PADD I)	131.2	150.5	156.4	162.6	96.7	115.7	121.0	^R 167.9	173.5	87.6
PADD Ix	144.1	183.6	196.6	212.2	106.3	112.0	118.2	^R 171.8	178.5	81.1
PADD Iy	138.5	169.4	184.7	196.1	105.2	119.6	124.4	^R 170.3	175.7	92.8
PADD Iz	126.9	139.4	140.5	143.7	92.2	106.7	110.4	^R 127.8	129.1	85.2
Midwest (PADD II)	128.6	136.9	137.0	140.6	94.3	103.9	104.6	^R 110.4	111.1	75.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	127.6	138.2	139.5	139.7	93.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	132.7	135.7	136.7	139.3	98.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	140.6	145.2	146.5	145.4	104.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	148.0	154.1	154.5	153.4	110.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. Average**	130.7	141.8	143.9	147.0	96.2	114.5	119.3	^R 161.5	166.6	86.3

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

R = Revised.

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